

THE debate between the years '12 and '13 before the Alma Mater Society on Saturday night was one of the closest contests the Society has witnessed for many a day. The subject was, "Resolved, that Canada should have a single chamber government." Mr. Ford, of '13, who opened the case for the affirmative, argued that the senate was an evil and was entirely useless in that it added nothing to the effectiveness of the government. Mr. Seeley, the leader of the negative, replied that all precedent was against the abolition of the senate and that the bicameral system was necessary for the protection of the smaller provinces. Against this argument Mr. Adams stated that national interests were provincial interests and advocated the referendum as the restraining force upon the lower house. Mr. Tuttle argued that the referendum was useful only when used in conjunction with the senate and then advanced a scheme for senate-reform. The judges were Prof. Dyde, Prof. Grant and M. R. Bow. After a conference lasting more than an hour they gave a majority decision in favor of the negative.



At a meeting of the final year, on Friday last, A. A. MacKay reported for the memorial committee. A conference has been held with representatives from the final years in Science and Medicine and after various memorial schemes had been considered, the committee decided to recommend that all the graduating years of the University should unite to raise a fund to furnish a part of the proposed students' union building. This is indeed a worthy aim and should appeal not only to the final years but to all Queen's men. If the year '11 adopts the plan and if the years following could also decide to let their memorial take the same form it would be a considerable encouragement to those who are planning a students' union. Judging from the report of the Alma Mater Society's committee the union project is soon to be launched. A memorial plan such as has been recommended would be a fitting expression of the students' attitude towards the proposed undertaking.

The Political Science Club had an interesting meeting on Thursday last when the programme consisted of a debate on the subject, "Resolved that the Supreme Court should be the final court of appeal for Canada." The decision was given to Messrs. Spankie and McCree, who championed the affirmative. The negative was supported by Messrs. McNally and Whitehead.

The German Club, under the direction of Prof. MacGillivray, is preparing for its annual concert which will be held in Convocation Hall, on the evening of the 16th of this month. In addition to the play "Auf der Major's Ecke," there will be several selections among which will be a solo by the talented vocalist, Miss Mona Knight.